

**TAFT'S BUSY DAYS**

Ten Days Tour of the Middle West.

WILL GO AS FAR AS OMAHA

He Will Deliver Nine Addresses and May Get In One or Two More—Will Possibly Visit Louisville and Return to Washington on the 11th.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Secretary Taft will leave here to-day for a ten days visit to cities in the Middle West. He will deliver an address before the Board of Trade at Columbus, Ohio, Thursday evening and the next evening he will address the International Union at the Auditorium Hotel in Chicago. He will spend Saturday in Chicago as the guest of the press club at luncheon in the early afternoon and then hold a reception at the Hamilton Club in the late afternoon. In the evening he will attend a dinner given by the Commercial Club and will respond to a toast. Sunday he will leave Chicago in time to keep an engagement

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to, address the McKinley Club of Omaha Monday evening. Tuesday Mr. Taft will attend a banquet in the morning given in his honor by the Commercial Club of Council Bluffs and will leave that city in time to meet engagements to spend Thursday, the ninth, in Cincinnati. On that day he will be entertained by the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce in the afternoon and will attend a banquet reception by the Phoenix Club in the evening. He will possibly visit Louisville on the 10 and return to Washington on the 11th.

**SUBSIDIZING THE PRESS.**

Bryan Gets on His Deadly Work On 65 of Them.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 1.—Sixty five democratic editors of Nebraska were the guests last night at an informal dinner tendered by Wm. J. Bryan at the Lindell hotel. The editors mainly were old friends and acquaintances of Mr. Bryan and the function was in the nature of a family affair. Mr. Bryan arrived from Kansas City this evening and went directly to the hotel where the democratic state editorial association had been holding its annual meeting during the day. He was the center of the enthusiastic group of admirers and political friends. He let it be known that his talk at the dinner was in no way a political one.

Mr. Bryan was the last speaker, and he was greeted with an unusual display of enthusiasm. He spoke of the splendid work of the democratic press in Nebraska and especially praised the country press which he said often came nearer reflecting public opinion than the more pretentious journals. Mr. Bryan said most of his talk would be private to the bona fide Democratic and Populist editors and he requested all other persons to withdraw.

**AN INSIDIOUS DANGER.**

One of the worst features of kidney trouble is that it is an insidious disease and before the victim realizes his danger he may have a fatal malady. Take Foley's Kidney Cure at the first sign of trouble as it corrects irregularities and prevents Bright's disease and diabetes. T. F. Laurin Owl Drug Store.

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**BIG RANCH DEAL.**

BUTTE, Mont., April 1.—A special from Helena says:

One of the largest land deals in recent months was concluded here yesterday when Louis Penwell of this city purchased the 13,000 acre ranch of the Basin Livestock Company in Meagher County, for \$215,000. cash. Included are 19,000 sheep, with the usual complement of horses, cattle and equipment.

Mr. S. L. Bowen, of Wayne, W. Va., writes: "I was a sufferer from kidney disease, so that at times I could not get out of bed, and when I did I could not stand straight. I took Foley's Kidney Cure. One dollar bottle and part of the second cured me entirely." Foley's Kidney Cure works wonders where others are total failures. T. F. Laurin Owl Drug Store.

**IMPORTANT ARREST**

Postal Authorities Bag Notorious Swindler and Thief.

MANY CONCERNS VICTIMIZED

According to the Federal Authorities Accola and Wolff Did Business Under the Name of George E. Anderson & Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—In the arrest of Earl Accola which was effected Monday by the U. S. postal inspector O'Connell here the federal authorities believe they have captured one of the two men who flimflammed several large business houses in different sections of the U. S. during the last year. Accola together with Fred E. Wolff was indicted by the Chicago grand jury March 6 on several counts charging him with having used the mails to carry on a fraud.

According to the federal officers Accola and Wolff did business under the firm name of George E. Anderson and Co. This is a reputable mail order house in Chicago which has a name similar to the one used by Accola and Wolff.

Among the concerns which were victimized were Max Platt and Co. 113 Division Street, New York. The Winona Fur and Glove Company, Winona, Minn., and the Northern Furniture and Mfg. Co. of Minneapolis. Accola appeared before U. S. Commissioner Heacock yesterday afternoon and was ordered held in \$3,000 pending a preliminary examination this afternoon. Wolff has been captured by the federal officers in Chicago.

**ANARCHISTIC SCARE.**

New York Financial Exchanges Taking Unusual Precautions.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Following the receipt from police headquarters

**The Mystery of a Gem.**

(Original.)

A small market wagon drawn by one bony horse pulled up in front of a pawnbroker's shop in Paris. A young countryman and a girl sat on a cross-board at the fore end, the man a strapping fellow, the girl comely and rosy as a peony. The girl descended from the seat and went into the pawnbroker's. He was a white headed old man and, unlike most of his trade, benevolent looking.

"I would like, monsieur, if you would be so kind as to lend me a hundred francs on this."

She produced a pearl the size of a nutmeg. It was of a very unusual shade. The pawnbroker looked at it for a long while, then said: "How did you come by it?"

"Alphonse—Alphonse is to marry me—has had it ever since his mother died. We wish to be married, and we have no means."

"How long ago did Alphonse's mother die?"

"When Alphonse was a baby, more than twenty years ago."

"And where did Alphonse's mother get it?"

"Alphonse's mother was when young lady's maid to a countess. Just before the countess' death she gave it to her maid. The countess died of smallpox, and all but her maid had deserted her."

"Did the countess say anything about the value of the gift?"

"How could she since she was dying and could scarcely speak? Don't you think it is worth so much as a hundred francs? Can't you lend anything on it?" she asked anxiously.

"Does Alphonse wish to sell it?"

"He has kept it for his mother's sake. He never knew a mother's love, but he thinks a great deal about what his mother was like. He would rather pawn it."

There was a look of truthfulness and innocence in the girl's face that won the old man's confidence.

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of a warning that evidence had been received that an anarchist attack might be made upon the members of the exchange, the Consolidated stock exchange has decided to close its galleries. Similar warnings are said to have been sent to the officials of the other exchanges including the cotton exchange and the New York Stock Exchange. An official of the latter institution, however, would not admit that any warning had been received from police headquarters.

The gallery of the stock exchange has been closed for a month or more, and the Cotton exchange gallery has been closed since Monday. In the case of both exchanges the excuse was given that repairs were to be made. The gallery of the consolidated stock exchange has been much visited since the stock exchange closed their gallery to the public. But the only precaution taken by the Consolidated is to be another special policeman on duty.

diamonds from the English crown. A pearl of extraordinary size and luster had disappeared at the same time. No trace had ever been discovered of the missing gems, and after so long a period no expectation was entertained of their recovery.

Here was a little gem the size of the tip of a lady's finger that a peasant had kept from his babyhood and was doubtful if he could borrow \$20 on it. Had it been displayed in a jeweler's case, of the thousands who looked at it not one would probably have seen any difference between it and the large and brilliant jewels resting beside it. But for half a century this old pawnbroker had done nothing but inspect valuable articles, chiefly jewels. To him the pearl stood alone. That singular something which has no identity, no personality, no essence, but which we call experience, told him that he had in his possession a gem that a hundred and fifty years ago had been stolen from the English crown.

A week passed. The couple who had pawned the jewel were celebrating their wedding day. There was little wherewith to celebrate, but they made the most of what they had. A letter came by the post summoning them to Paris at once to see the pawnbroker. They were much frightened, fearing that they were to be called upon to redeem the pearl, and they had spent the money. Alphonse put the horse in the wagon, and they drove into the city.

When they reached the pawnbroker's he sent them into a private room, where they waited half an hour in suspense. Then the pawnbroker entered with a man, an Englishman.

"This is the couple," the former said. "You may question them if you like, but you will get nothing."

"The government will be happy to pay the reward that has so long been offered and ask no questions," replied the other.

The Englishman took from a wallet three notes, two for £1,000 each and one for £500, equivalent to about \$12,000, and handed them to the groom, who drew back, frightened.

"A wedding present for you," said the pawnbroker, and he gave an explanation of how the money came to be paid him. At first Alphonse feared they were trying to draw him into a trap. Indeed, he would not take the money till he had called in a notary to whom he was accustomed to sell vegetables, who looked the matter through carefully and assured him that the transaction was fair and square.

On their wedding night, after placing their fortune in a savings bank, the young couple drove their little cart home with a happiness in their hearts that came to them but once in their lives.

Nothing was ever learned as to the wanderings of the pearl from the time it was taken from the British crown till it was given to the peasant's mother. DORA IRENE STEVENS.

**THIS MAY INTEREST YOU.**

No one is immune from Kidney trouble, so just remember that Foley's Kidney Cure will stop the irregularities and cure any case of kidney and bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. T. F. Laurin Owl Drug Store.

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